



THE IRS ANNOUNCES ESTATE, GIFT AND GENERATION-SKIPPING TRANSFER (GST) TAX INFLATION INCREASES FOR 2025

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On October 22, 2024, the IRS officially announced the inflation adjustments for 2025 for the gift and estate tax exemptions. The federal estate, gift and generation-skipping tax exemption will increase to \$13,990,000 for 2025 from \$13,610,000 in 2024. This is an increase of \$380,000. The estate and gift tax exemption represents the amount an individual can transfer during life or at death to beneficiaries without paying any estate or gift tax. The generation-skipping transfer tax exemption is the amount that can pass directly or indirectly to grandchildren or more remote descendants without incurring a transfer tax at one or more generations. The current estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer tax rate is 40%.

For 2025, the annual exclusion will increase to \$19,000 from \$18,000 in 2024. The annual exclusion amount is the amount that a person can give annually to each of as many person as desired without using any gift tax exemption or incurring a gift tax.

For 2025, the annual exclusion for gifts to a non-citizen spouse will increase to \$190,000 from \$185,000 in 2024.

FEDERAL ESTATE AND GIFT TAX RATES AND EXEMPTIONS 2017–2026

Federal Gift & Estate Tax

Year	Exemption	Rate
2017	\$ 5,490,00	40%
2018	\$11,180,000	40%
2019	\$11,400,000	40%
2020	\$11,580,000	40%
2021	\$11,700,000	40%
2022	\$12,060,000	40%
2023	\$12,920,000	40%
2024	\$13,610,000	40%
2025	\$13,990,000	40%
2026	\$ 5,000,000*	40%

* \$5,000,000 Indexed for Inflation and Estimated to be \$7,250,000 in 2026

If you have any questions, please contact your Cummings & Lockwood LLC attorney.